

Tri-City Citizens Union for Progress
675-81 South 19th Street
Newark, New Jersey 07103

Board of Directors
Minutes of March 16, 1978 Meeting

Present

Barbara Bertschy
Ulysses B. Blakeley
Daniel Brown
Vera B. McMillon
Jam Muhammed
Maso Ryan
Margaret Thompson

Staff

Edward Andrade
Rebecca Andrade
Julia Scott
Valerie Spain
Joseph Thomasberger

The meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Vera McMillon, was called to order by President Ryan at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes of the February 23rd meeting were approved and adopted.
M/S/P.

I. Item: Report from Director of Finance

Mr. Thomasberger announced 15 additional slots for day care program will be available commencing April 1st. Resolution was introduced to accept the additional slots giving first priority to children and staff from phased-out Good Neighbor Day Care Center, and to receive and expend an additional \$6,750. M/S/P - unanimous. (Resolution attached.)

Mr. Thomasberger introduced a resolution for renewal of day care contract with the State. M/S/P. (Resolution attached.)

Mr. Thomasberger introduced a resolution to authorize payment of one-third cost of automobile insurance for the Executive Director's car from Citizens Union budget (\$318.50). The amount represents an additional charge for use of the vehicle for business purposes. M/S/P. (Resolution attached.)

A resolution was also introduced to authorize payment of one-third cost of automobile insurance for the Economic Development Director's car from Priorities Housing Corporation budget (\$307) additional cost for business use. M/S/P. (Resolution attached.)

Mr. Thomasberger announced the near completion of audit of Tri-City accounts by Arthur Anderson & Company CPA firm, who find the books to be in order. The firm of Zisman, Traurig & Elblonk have nearly completed audit of Amity Village accounts.

Mr. Thomasberger reported Tri-City's financial condition to be concurrent with December projections. \$10,000 funds from Victoria Foundation carried redevelopment project salaries through January and February. Trust Fund authorized loan monies will be drawn down to carry through April, 1978. New monies will be needed by May or June. Projects are now expending within budgets.

Ms. Andrade stated HFA is being pursued for Amity 2A conversion funds and Priorities Housing Corp. should take extra expenses in organizing and managing Amity 2A. New World Foundation monies, expected by May or June should cover portion of salary of Director of Economic Development and Administrative Assistant and some operating expenses. Balance of Economic Director's salary to come from conversion monies.

Mr. Thomasberger announced that applicants are being interviewed for full time, full charge bookkeeping position. Mrs. Cantor, the present bookkeeper will not be able to work full time.

II. Item: Report from Economic Development Committee

Mr. Brown, Chairperson, reported that he and Mr. Andrade inspected the building at 18th Street, and upon reporting same to the committee received 100% agreement on the rehab proposal.

Mr. Brown further requested that a staff person be assigned to record minutes of committee meetings until a permanent recorder is found. Mr. Andrade will assign Terry Lucas to record minutes.

The committee has had two meetings, one at HUD concerning 312 loan money to do rehab; Section 8; and abandoned buildings. HUD advised that 312 monies must come through HDRC, the housing agency. Requirements to process 312 monies have not been set, and currently, no 312 money is available in the city. HUD encouraged us to take over the other Amities and pledged financial assistance as well as funds to provide social services.

Mr. Andrade contacted George Malone at North American Development Corp. who promised to contact Amity owners and vouch for Tri-City as a management entity.

The Executive staff met with Mr. Massaro of HDRC and reported a change in that agency's position in favor of Tri-City's handling

the rehab work in this area. Tri-City has been asked to locate two or three dwellings which can be rehab'd for \$15,000 each, and HDRC will match the cost. The Committee voted to go along with the HDRC proposal.

Mr. Andrade reported that a group of buildings have been selected and a cost estimate expert, compliments of Bryant George, Ford Foundation, will examine them to determine cheapest possible rehab jobs.

III. Item: Report from Acting Center Director

Ms. Scott stated that the staff is gearing up for 15 additional children in day care. She also reported that three staff people have been added to the Health Center staff; two bilingual outreach workers and a record keeper.

Ms. Scott announced that the receipt of a grant from the state for cervical cancer screening will add two women's clinic sessions to begin the following week.

The kindergarten/after school program has a new group teacher and a full quota of children enrolled.

Donald Jones has been hired for position of Youth Coordinator.

Ms. McMillon raised the question of instituting a diabetes program at the Health Center, for which she had volunteered her services as a counselor. Ms. Andrade suggested that she commence a search for funding of such a program even prior to beginning to work at the center.

IV. Item: Report from Executive Director

Ms. Andrade reported on her participation in Congressional hearings on housing, held in Newark, and her participation in a working conference on EPSDT held in San Diego, California.

She discussed a visit with Walter Bremond of the National Black United Fund, and their attempts to secure the right of federal employees to authorize payroll deductions for contributions to the Fund.

Ms. Andrade noted the following dates:

. Wednesday, March 22, Credit Union Planning Committee meeting.
Representative from State Federation of Credit Unions to be guest speaker.

. Saturday, March 25, visit by Martin Luther King Memorial Committee of Nutley.

. April 2, "Save Our Communities Week" Speak-out at East Orange Library.

. "Week of the Young Child" activities:

- Monday, April 3 - Parents' Night at St. Paul's Church
- Tuesday - Children's Parade, Downtown Newark
- Wednesday - Open House, Tri-City People's Center
- Thursday - Physical Fitness Day, People's Center
- Friday - Support Community Child Care Dinner at Church at the Crossroads, sponsored by Emergency Committee to Save Child Care
- Sunday, April 9 - Morning worship service at Church at the Crossroads to feature Tri-City.

Ms. Andrade asked that Dr. Blakeley serve on planning committee with representatives from Church at the Crossroads. Tentative meeting date is Thursday, March 23, 8:30 p.m. Dr. Blakeley accepted the invitation.

V. Item: Reorganization

Ms. Andrade stated that the Economic Development Committee is now dealing with redevelopment aspects and Priorities Housing Corp. should become a more actively functioning entity. She also stated that the People's Center Policy Committee is starting to develop but needs more attention.

VI. Item: Urban Causeway

Ms. McMillon outlined the plans for the Church Women United Urban Causeway, to take place April 17 through April 20. She, as Coordinator for Newark, is recruiting women. She asked for the co-operation of the Board specifically for the Women's Conference scheduled for Monday, April 17. Ms. McMillon announced the tentative schedule for the three day visit.

VII. Item: Inactive Board Members

Discussion surrounding inactivity of several Board members resulted in a move to have the Board President write a letter or contact inactive Board members to determine their future involvement.

Next Board meeting, Wednesday, April 12. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valene Spain

Resolution passed at meeting of the Board of Directors of Tri-City Citizens Union for Progress, March 16, 1978.

I. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Tri-City Citizens Union for Progress accepts the allocation of fifteen additional children for the Bi-Cultural Day Care Program beginning April 1, 1978 and agrees to receive and expend as per amended budget an additional \$6,750.00. It is further agreed that the children from the Good Neighbor Day Care Center be given first consideration to fill these additional places and to consider the possibility of employing staff from Good Neighbor Day Care Center to fill any need for additional staff.

II. BE IT RESOLVED that 1/3 of the cost for automobile insurance for the Executive Director be paid by Tri-City Citizens Union for Progress and that 1/3 of the cost for automobile insurance for the Director of Economic Development be paid by Priorities Housing Corporation.